(b) by when the proposal would be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) The proposal would be considered alongwith similar proposals received from other State Governments, after the finalisation of the 10th Five Year Plan and availability of funds keeping in view the revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways, traffic needs and *inter-se* priority.

Action-plan to minimise accidents on highways

4647. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the fatal accidents taken place on the roads during last three years, the figures State-wise and year-wise;

(b) whether Government have conducted any study of the loss of human resources on the roads because of the accidents;

(c) whether his Ministry has made any plan to deal with the accidents on the highways;

(d) whether Government have drawn up any contingency plan to minimise accidents on the highways; and

(e) if so, specific details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) The number of total accidents, as reported by the states, during the last three years on the roads State-wise and year-wise is annexed as Statement, *(see* below)

(b) A recent study by Planning Commission puts the social cost of road accident at about 3% of GDP.

(c) to (e) The Government is taking following measures to minimize the accidents on the Highways.

(i) Widening of single lane to 2-lanes.
(ii) Widening of selected 2-lane sections to 4/6-lanes
(iii) Improvement of road geometries
(iv) Construction of bypasses

(v) Reconstruction of weak and narrow bridges and culverts
(vi) Providing paved shoulders
(vii) Strengthening weak pavements
(viii) Junction improvements
(ix) Replacement of level crossings by road over-bridges
(x) Retro-reflective road signs
(xi) Thermoplastic read markings
(xii) Provision of parking lay byes
(xiii) Provision of Service Roads
(xiv) Wayside amenities on high traffic density corridors; and
(xv) Creation of awareness amongst various categories of Road Users, etc.

Statement

State-wise fatal road accidents in India during 1998 to 2000

All India/States/UTs.	1998	1999	2000
Andhra Pradesh	7726	8556	7040
Arunachal Pradesh	76	63	62
Assam	910	976	926
Bihar.	N .A.	2196	1579
Chhattisgarh	Figures included	in M.P.	1081
Goa	214	177	219
Gujarat	4523	4687	4539
Haryana	2397	2543	2534
Himachal Pradesh	426	432	412
Jammu & Kashmir	515	529	496
Jharkhand	Figures included	in Bihar	1158
Karnataka	N .A.	5007	4971
Kerala	2298	2363	2468
Madhya Pradesh	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Maharashtra	7998	8224	8332
Manipur	89	123	11-7
Meghalaya	139	119	N.A.
Mizoram	27	23	36
Nagaland	61	43	44
Orissa	1649	1565	1821

All India/States/UTs.	1998	1999	2000
Punjab	1946	2046	2127
Rajasthan	4648	4986	4472
Sikkim	12	26	24
Tamil Nadu	8510	8734	8269
Tripura	49	159	115.
Uttaranchal	Figures included'	in U.P.	415
Uttar Pradesh	7845	8015	6747
West Bengal	3028	3278	4068
A & N Islands	23	19	22
Chandigarh	125	129	118
D & N Haveli	37	34	30
Daman & Diu	17	17	17
Delhi	2065	1969	1918
Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil	Nil
Pondicherry	138	164	146
Total	57491 (P)	67202(P)	66323(P)

N.A.=Not Available P=Provisional

States'share in toll

4648. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to collect toll from the vehicle users of all four-lane national highways, bypasses and major bridges; i

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount expected to yield; and

(d) whether a part of the toll would be given to the State Governments and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) and (b) Levy of user fee on four lane highways,